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Which Shall it Be?

[A rich man who had no children proposed to his poor neighbor, who had seven, to take

Which shall it be? Which shall it be? I looked at John, John looked at me, And when I found that I must speak My voice seemed strangely low and weak : "Tell me again what Robert said;" And then I, listening, bent my head-This is his letter :

" I will give A house and land while you shall live, If, in return, from out your seven, One child to me for aye is given." I looked at John's old garments worn; I thought of all that he had borne Of poverty, and work, and care, Which I, though willing, could not share; I thought of seven young mouths to feed, Of seven little children's need. And then of this.

"Come, John," said I, We'll choose among them as they lie Asleep." So, walking hand in hand, Dear John and I surveyed our band; First to the cradle lightly stepped Where Lilian, the baby, slept. Softly the father stooped to lay His rough hand down in a loving way, When dream or whisper made her stir, And huskily he said : "Not her!"

We stooped beside the trundle bed, And one long ray of lamplight shed Athwart the boyish faces there In sleep so beautiful and fair. I saw on James' rough, red cheek A tear undried. Ere John could speak. Flour, And klassed him as we hurried by. "He's but a baby, too," said I, Pale, patient Robbie's angel face Still in his sleep bore suffering's trace. ' No, for a thousand crowns not him!" He whispered, while our eyes were dim.

> Poor Dick! bad Dick! our wayward son-Turbulent, restless, idle one-Could he be spared? Nay; He who gave Bade us befriend him to the grave; Only a mother's heart could be Patient enough for such as he : "And so," said John, "I would not dare To take him from her bedside prayer,"

Then stole we softly up above, And knelt by Mary, child of love. " Perhaps for her 'twould hetter be," I said to John. Quite silently He lifted up a curl that lay Across her cheek in a willful way,

after the Count de la Pommerais came complete against Soren; and the poor into the possession of the half million parson now sealed his own fate by defrancs which a crued under the policies claring that he believed he had killed and the will. Here occurred a singular Niels, though unconsciously. He stated incident in the trial. It is clear that, if that he was wont to walk in his sleep. the count had intended the fraud in earn- He had found texts, written sermons and est when he proposed it to Madame visited his church in a state of somnam-Pauw, and really designed to obtain for her an annuity by its means, thus secur-the man dead in the wood while thus un-

the most interesting in British judicial annals. Madeleine Smith had engaged herself to a young Frenchman named one of them, and promised, if the parents would consent, that he would give them property enough to make themselves and their other six children comfertable for life].

L'Angelier. It was clearly proved that she had tired of him, and was anxious to disentangle herself from the connection. But L'Angelier clung to her, and refused to be rebuffed. There is no

It may be said that the trial was one of

doubt that on several occasions, just previous to his visits, she had purchased poison; or that, always after these visits, he was seized with severe illness. On the seventeenth of March Madeleine returned to her house in Glasgow, after a brief visit to some friends. The next day she purchased some arsenic, "to kill rats with," as she said. The arsenic bought, the next thing she did was to write to L'Angelier, inviting him to tea on the evening of the nineteenth. He happened to be out of town, and did not, therefore, get the note until it was too late to accept the invitation. She wrote again on the twenty-first, urging him to come the next evening, and saying: "I waited and waited for you, but you came not. I shall wait again to-morrow

invitation—that is, a fact from which a strong probability of a meeting between them that night was established—were fully proved, the absence of all proof of actual opportunity to commit the deed availed to save the prisoner's life. She said, in effect: "I was at my house, and can prove it; he was not there, for I defy you to prove it; there-fore I have an alibi." The Scottish verdict of "not proven" set her free, but did not clear her of the stain of

next thing was for the widow to pretend servant girl testified not only to having of water left. He gave orders to make to fall ill, which she did; but, instead heard Soren repeatedly threaten to kill the percent land and for three days they of the policies being transformed into Niels, but to having seen the parson go annuities, the poor lady died! It was a out into the garden on the fatal night, grave blunder of the count to tell the doctor, when he came in, that Madame cap. Still stronger evidence was proonly was this denied by abundant testi- been seen, in his green dressing gown mony, but the post-mortem examina-tion betrayed the presence of poison as from the wood near by into the garden. the cause of her death. At once there- The chain of evidence was apparently

THE CENTENNIAL BUILDINGS.

The Status of Operations on the Grounds .-

Self-Registering Turnstiles-The Centen-The exposition grounds contain four hundred and twenty scres and are nearly triangular in shape, being bounded on the north by Belmont drive, on the east by Lansdowne drive, and on the southwest by Elm avenue. The total number of Centennial buildings now completed, with those in course of construction and others not yet begun, is about one hunwith those in course of construction and others not yet begun, is about one hundred, and the total area covered by the exhibition buildings proper—that is, not including restaurants or other buildings not intended to contain exhibits—will be about seventy-five acres, which is nearly double the space covered by the buildings of Scriptural subjects, and was contained to the space covered by the buildings of Scriptural subjects, and was contained to the space covered by the buildings are construction and drend that we have a possessed of a good education, and clothed in rags and surrounded with filth, he spent his time in studying an old Bible.

He seemed to have a profound knowledge of Scriptural subjects, and was constructed in a miserable hut, where his children sometimes slept. He was possessed of a good education, and clothed in rags and surrounded with filth, he spent his time in studying an old Bible. double the space covered by the buildings at the Vienna exposition. The latter covered 38.8 acres, excluding inclosed courts; those of Paris, in 1867, covered thirty-one acres; London, 1862, 25.6 acres; Paris, 1855, 22.1 acres, and London, 1851, 23.9 acres. The board fence bounding the grounds is 16,000 feet in length, and contains thirteen entrances, came not. I shall wait again to-morrow
night, same time and arrangement."
This note L'Angelier received. So far
the proof was clear. It was also in evidence that he started from his lodgings
in excellent health on the Sunday evening, and that he sauntered in the
direction of Madeleine's house; this was at
nine o'clock. Twenty minutes later, he
called on a friend who lived but a short
distance from her residence. Here the
evidence uterly falled, and left a blank
for four hours and a half.

At two in the morning, L'Angelier
was found at his own door writhing and
speechless; and in a few hours he was
dead. The autopsy betrayed a large
quantity of arsenic in his body. But,
between twenty minutes past nine and
two, no human being could depose to
having laid eyes on him. Madeleine
herself denied that she saw him at all
that night; nor was the slightest proof
forthcoming that she did. She was put
on trial for the nurder of L'Angelier;
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dotted everywhere with soda water pavilions. The second group contains the following buildings, all completed: Machinery hall, United States government building, United States laboratory, United States hospital, office of the Centennial board of finance and the three buildings of the British government. Those well forward in construction are, the Pennsylvania railroad companies, Centennial depot, shoe and leather building, three machine shops (annexes of machinery hall); the T. A. fountain, tourist's ticket office, he York pavilion, the nalliess, spikeless.

sailed for the coast. A poor sick soldier who had left Cadiz with them, brought a grillo, or ground cricket, with him, a grillo, or ground cricket, with him, thinking its cheerful voice would amuse inter weather, and sometimes remained him on the long, dreary voyage. But to his great disappointment, the little insect was perfectly quiet the whole way. The fourth morning after the ship had changed her course, the cricket, which knew what she was about, set up her shirllest note. The soldier at once gave a warning to the officers in charge of the vessel, and they soon saw high, jagged a warning to the officers in charge of the vessel, and they soon saw high, jagged a warning to the officers in charge of the vessel, and they soon saw high, jagged to pieces on the ledges, if this puny creature had not scented the land, and to pieces on the ledges, if this puny creature had not scented the land, and attempted to kill his nother, who can saw yrom the hut in March, 1871, and never returned.

Left alone with his wild offspring, the activities as cheerly as if she had been in far off spain, till they got to their destined port, the island of Catalina.

After a Panic.

After the panie at Robinson's opera thinking its cheerful voice would amuse

THE WILD FAMILY AGAIN.

Murder of the Girl by her Brutish Brother

was created by the discovery in the wilderness of Wyoming county, Pa., of a family of wild people, consisting of a man and his two children. The latter roamed the woods in a nude condition. subsisting on nuts, roots, etc. The man lived in a miserable hut, where his chil-

well versed in ancient and modern history. He possessed, also, extraordinary elocutionary powers, and had invented a system of short hand which he wrote with remarkable speed, and read with fluency. Soon after the discovery of these strange beings a man named Robin on sought to make money out of them

compelled to abandon his speculation, and the "wild mutes," as they were termed, were returned to their retreat

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suffered terribly from hunger. Parke

rounding villages, but it seems, singularly enough, that no move was made to deal permanently with this wretched family. The mutes stripped the bark from trees, and even ate the straw which -The Murderer Captured and Sent to the Insane Asylum-An Unparalleled Story of Savagery and Barbarity. formed their father's bed in one corner of the hut. They fought each other like wild beasts, and their father lived in mortal terror for nearly three months.

In the fall of 1871 quite a sensation

with the ravenous appetites of half-starved wolves the creeping occupants of the mire. This is not only testified to by their father, but by others, who declare that they saw the boy catch and creased the ferocity of his children. One day the brother and sister came into the hut and a fight ensued between them.

Parke was compelled to fig. Bill, as the
boy was called, attacked his sister with an old case knife he had picked up in the hovel. He stabbed her in the breast and in other places. She ran bleeding into the woods. Her father found her afterward lying at the foot of a tree, dead. He carried her body a long distance into the woods and buried it.

Parke continued to live in the hut, but was frequently compelled to leave it to escape the fury of his son. Finally, early in 1878, he made the complaint against him, and has at last had his brutish child safely disposed of.

Parke is a thin, wiry man, ragged and slovenly. His head is covered with long, white, unkempt hair, and he has a flowing white beard. He attributes the people will persist in trying the vinegar the incapacity of his wife to oversee and train them, saying that he was too much absorbed in his scientific and literary pursuits to notice their wants.

Near his hut is a swamp, which is the home of myriads of the smaller rep-tiles. When spring opened, the wild and almost famished children scoured

this swamp, and caught and devoured

Shortly after the death of Melvina he published a card asking for information as to the whereabouts of his wife, and begging her to come and look after the needs of her remaining child. He is by many considered insane.

A Narrow Escape.

There was to be a military execution

tents of which, whether eggs or young birds, were choice food for them. They wandered about in the most rigorous winter weather, and sometimes remained Cumberland at last, and thence flashed brothers, and thence kept them in sight

Pare, and regular the chain. Opportunity, that is, an addition of the surface of

An Answer.

You ask me, wondering, why I sing, And why my lips in laughter part;

The ripples of my mirth all spring From the deep sorrow of my hear

and always, through what is, I hear The echoes of what might have been

Items of Interest. Experiments with young grasshoppear Jackson, Maine, have shown that they may be frozen and thawed several times without impairing their power to return

A nice discrimination was recently manifested in the dismission of a conductor from the service of the Iowa Central railroad " for using profane language to his equals, and threats unbecomin

Fido, the dog that had watched carefully by an unknown grave in the Worcester cemetery for the last four years, has been frightened away by the sight

of a kennel prepared for his accommoda tion and the crowd of visitors. Delmonico, the lion tamer of Paris, lost four of his lions in one night. They managed to reach a stuffed horse which

Some men are always lucky. A hunter of Brainerd, Minn., while out in the woods recently discharged his gun just to clear out the barrel, and unknown to him a fine buck happened to be with-in range and was shot through the

The family of Lewis Neides, of Reading, is unlucky. The daughter fell off a chair and broke her a m in two places. Soon after, Neides himself fell and factured his ribs, and before he had recovered his son, aged ten years, fell and broke his arm at the elbow.

termed, were returned to their retreat in the wilderness, in the winter of 1872.

They were gradually forgotten, but in 1873 their father appeared at Tunkhannock and made the charge that his son had killed his sister and attempted the life of his father, and asked that he be life of his father, and asked that he be wild boy was arrested with great difficulty and lodged in jail. All efforts to get him away up above the heads of everybody in Harper's Ferry, on Bolivar heights, and with about a thousand others I went to see it. Two soldiers had been considered by Gen. Sheridan. I skip the details. About twelve o'clock noon they found themselves on their knees in front of two coffice inside three warden of the Oregon penitentiary has discharged the prison doctor and detailed one of the convicts, who is an educated physician, to perform the duties. The warden claims that he saved the State \$1,500 a year by this arrangement, and is always sure to have medical attendance "within reach" when needed.

brothers, and thence kept them in sight while they took a drunken stranger to-ward a lake. Then she went home.



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